

0021479

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

COUNTRY	Albania	REPORT	[REDACTED]	25X1
SUBJECT	Albanian Religious Leaders	DATE DISTR.	26 February 1954	
		NO. OF PAGES	1	
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	REQUIREMENT NO.	RD	25X1
PLACE ACQUIRED	[REDACTED]	REFERENCES		

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1

1. The head of the Moslem religion is Hafis Aliu [REDACTED] 25X1
and has his offices in Tirana. [REDACTED]

The Moslem archbishop in Tirana is Hafis Sulejmani [REDACTED]. The Moslem bishop of Gjinokaster is Sulijman Mamani. The Mufti of Sarande is Haxhi Marati [REDACTED]. One of the Moslem leaders in Pogradec is Sedik Ramadani [REDACTED]. The Mufti of Peqin is Ferik Ajazi [REDACTED]. The Moslem priest of Rrogozhine is Musa-Efendi. The chief of the Moslem Union in Tirana is Sheik Ali Hormova [REDACTED]. The chief of the Moslem Union, Rifaj, in Tirana is Sheik Hafis Mubarrami [REDACTED]. The Sheik of Peqin is Ahmet Gjinishi; [REDACTED]. The Sheik of Elbasan is Sheh Sula [REDACTED]. 25X1

2. There is considerable opposition to the Communist regime among the Moslem clergy because the Communist agitators instruct the youth and try to promote anti-religious feelings. The young people are particularly told that they should never go to church or to the Mosques, and that they should never believe the priests. The schools also disseminate the same anti-religious propaganda. 25X1

3. The chief of the Bektashi sect in Tirana is Ahmet Dedej [REDACTED]. The chief of the sect in Gjinokaster is Baba Ibrahim [REDACTED]. The chief of the Orthodox religion is Paisi vodica [REDACTED]. The Orthodox priest in Fier is Papalizo (fnu); [REDACTED]. 25X1

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC									
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

(Note: Washington Distribution Indicated By "X"; Field Distribution By "#")

222723